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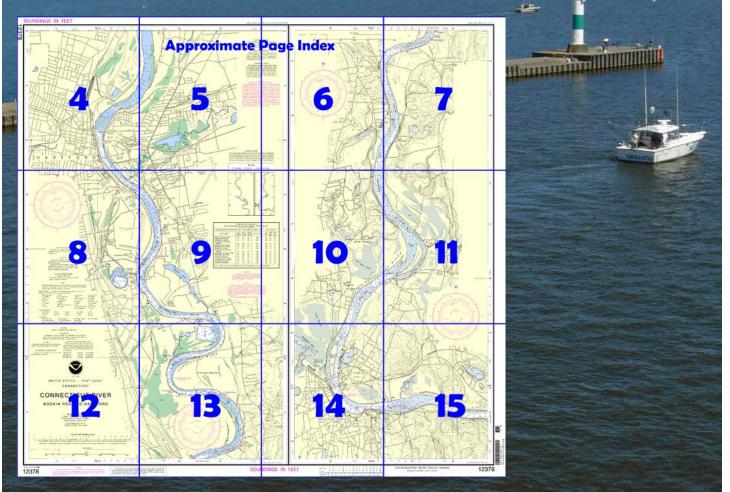
# Connecticut River – Bodkin Rock to Hartford

NOAA Chart 12378

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### What are Nautical Charts?

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### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <a href="http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov">http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov</a>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Connecticut River rises in the extreme
northern part of New Hampshire, near the
Canadian border, and flows southerly
between the States of Vermont and New
Hampshire and across Massachusetts and
Connecticut to Long Island Sound. It is
approximately 375 miles long and is one of
the largest and most important rivers in
New England. The head of commercial
navigation is at Hartford, about 45 miles
from the mouth. Waterborne commerce on

the river is mostly in petroleum products and chemicals. The river water is fresh at and above Deep River. Each year after the spring freshets, shoals with least depths of 10 feet are found in places

on bars in the upper river; dredging to remove such shoals is begun as soon as the water subsides.

Between the entrance and Middletown the river banks are hard and in some places rocky, but between Middletown and Hartford the river flows through alluvial bottom land, where freshets and ice jams may cause shoaling.

The channel above the jettied entrance channel usually follows the banks on the outside of the curves of the river, except through the dredged cuts across the bars which are marked by navigational aids.

Anchorages.—Secure anchorage can be had eastward or northeastward of Lynde Point Light. Farther up anchorage can be selected in the wider parts of the channel. Special anchorages are at Old Saybrook, Essex, Chester, Lord Island, Eddy Rock Shoal in the vicinity of Connecticut River Light 45, and Mouse Island Bar vicinity. (See 110.1 and 110.55, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

**Dangers.—Saybrook Outer Bar**, which obstructs the mouth of the Connecticut River, is shifting, with depths of 2 to 12 feet extending nearly 2 miles off the mouth; it is marked off its southeastern end by a lighted bell buoy.

In 1976, obstructions were reported in the channel at the railroad

bascule bridge 3 miles above the mouth of the Connecticut River; a least depth of 13 feet is reported in the channel in area 40 to 50 feet from the east abutment of the bridge. Mariners requiring greater depths are advised to avoid this area of the channel during passages. Bridges.-Several drawbridges and fixed bridges cross Connecticut River between the entrance and Hartford. The distance above the mouth, type, and clearance of each bridge follows: 3 miles, railroad with bascule span, 19 feet; 3.5 miles, Raymond E. Baldwin (IS 95) Bridge, fixed highway, 81 feet; 14.6 miles, State Route 82 highway with swing span at East Haddam, 22 feet; 27.8 miles, railroad with swing span at Middletown, 25 feet; 32.2 miles, Arrigoni Bridge (State Route 66), fixed highway, 89 feet; 41.2 miles, Wm. H. Putnam Bridge (State Route 3), fixed highway near Wethersfield, 80 feet over main channel; 44 miles, Charter Oak Bridge (U.S. 5/State Route 15), a fixed highway bridge at Hartford, 69 feet for a width of 215 feet; 44.9 miles, Founders Bridge, fixed highway, 49 feet; 45.2 miles, Bulkeley Bridge (I-84), fixed highway, 39 feet; and 46 miles, fixed railroad, 28 feet. (See 117.1 through 117.59 and 117.205, chapter 2, for drawbridge regulations.) Tides.—The time of tide becomes later and the range diminishes in progressing up the river. High water and low water at Hartford occur about 4.5 and 6 hours later, respectively, than at the entrance. **Currents.**—At the entrance the currents have considerable velocity at times and always require careful attention, as the tidal current of the sound often sets directly across the direction of the current setting out or in between jetties. This condition is reported to be especially dangerous during the first 3 hours of ebb tide. (Consult the Tidal Current Tables for times and velocities of currents at a number of locations in Connecticut River.)

During the ebb, a strong current runs from the Lyme Landing toward the center of the railroad bridge. Towboats with vessels in tow should steer for the east pier of the draw and should not swing out for the draw until almost in it, to avoid being set to the west side of the channel. Because of river discharge, the ebb current usually will be considerably stronger than the flood. Ebb current velocities of 1 knot or more have been observed under normal conditions on the bars in Connecticut River between Higganum and Hartford; velocities of flood currents are less.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Boston Commander

1st CG District (617) 223-8555 Boston, MA

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Corrected through NM Feb. 18/12 Corrected through LNM Feb. 7/12

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:20,000 at Lat. 41° 40'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

### RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

### SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine

Pipeline Area

Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and infamilie causes are equined to be builted, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when

unchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or inlighted buoys.

### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.359" northward and 1.680" eastward to agree with this chart.

### CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

### NOAA WEATHER BADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Hartford, CT Meriden, CT New London, CT Riverhead, NY WXJ-42 KHB-47 WXM-80 162 400 MHz 162.550 MHz 162.475 MHz

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navlgation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pillot for details.

## **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

NO-DISCHARGE ZONE, 40 CFR 140

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This chart falls entirely within the limits of a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ). Under the Clean Water Act, Section 312, all vessels operating within a No-Discharge Zone (NDZ) are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage, treated or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed or untreated, into the waters. All vessels with an installed marine sanitation device (MSD) that are navigating, moored, anchored, or docked within a NDZ must have the MSD disabled to prevent the overboard discharge of sewage (treated or untreated) or install a holding tark. Regulations for the NDZ are contained in the U.S. Coast Pilot. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) web site: http://www.epa.gov/owo/oceans/regulatory/vessel\_sewage/.

### NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S Awaygation regulations are published in Chapter 2, 0.5.
Coast Pilot 2. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 1st Coast Guard District in Boston, MA or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Concert

r to charted regulation section numbers

### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service. Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

NOTE: The Mean range of the tide between Hadlyme and Higganum during low river stages is about 21/2 feet. The range becomes progressively smaller with higher stages of the river.

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.) Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated)

G green AERO aeronautical R TR radio tower Mo morse code IQ interrupted quick Iso isophase LT HO lighthcuse M nautical mile Rot rotating s seconds SEC sector St M statute miles Al alternating N nun B black Bn beacon C can OBSC obscured Oc occulting Or orange DIA diaphone m minutes Q quick VQ very quick MICRO TR microwave tower R red FI flashing Ra Ref radar reflector WHIS whistle Y yellow R Bn radiobeacon Bottom characteristics: Bids boulders Co coral gy gray Oys oysters so soft bk broken h hard Rk rock

G gravel Grs grass Cy clay M mud S sand sy sticky Miscellaneous: Subm submerged AUTH authorized Obstn. obstruction PD position doubtful

ED existence doubtful PA position approximate 21. Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated

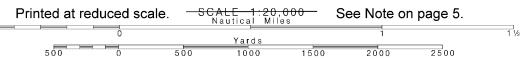
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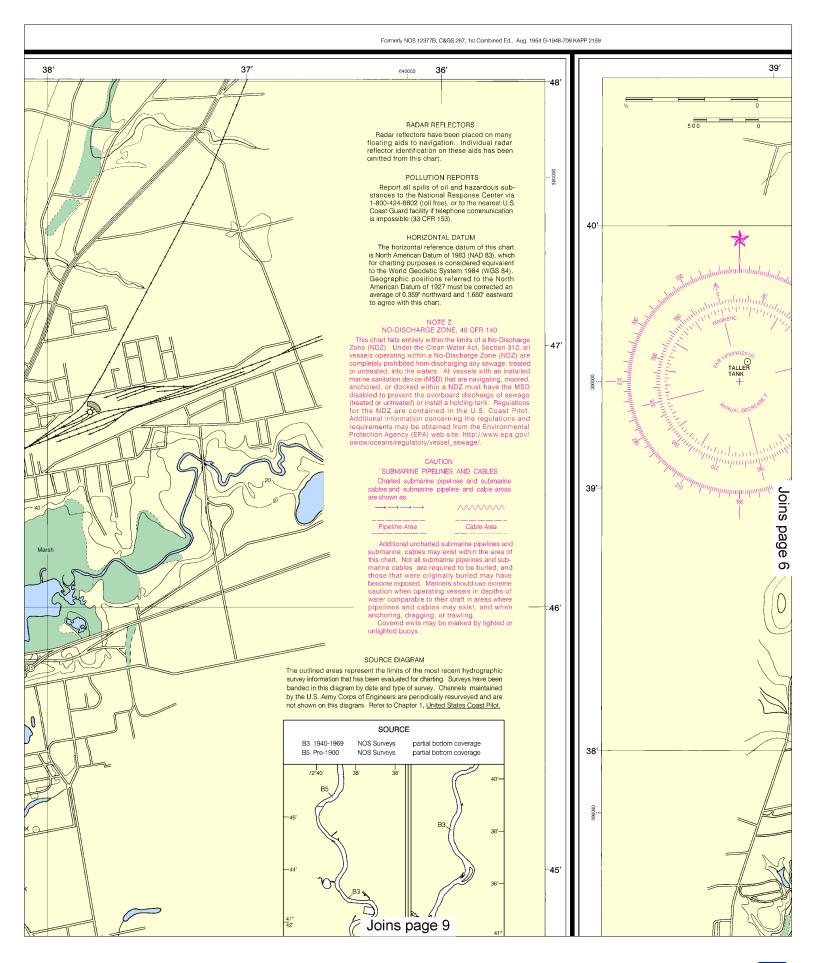
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	TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - REPORT OF DEC 2011  AND SURVEYS TO SEP 2010							
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)							JECT DIMENSIONS	
	NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH MLLW (FEET)
	MOUSE ISLAND BAR CHANNEL	15.0	12.7	10.9	8-10	150	0.7	15
	PORTLAND BAR CHANNEL	12.6	12.4	13.1	8-10	150	0.3	15
	CROMWELL BAR CHANNEL	13.7	13.1	12.3	8-10	150	0.6	15
	GILDERSLEEVE ISLAND SHOAL CHANNEL	11.7	13.8	8.5	8-10	150	0.9	15
	PISTOL POINT BAR CHANNEL	7.4	7.4	8.7	8-10	150	1.0	15
	BROWNSTONE BAR CHANNEL	12.8	11.5	10.7	8-10	150	0.9	15
	DIVIDEND BAR CHANNEL	8.9	9.1	9.4	8-10	150	0.6	15
	GLASTONBURY-TWO PIERS BAR CHANNEL	12.0	12.7	13.7	9-10	150	1.2	15
	GLASTONBURY UPPER BAR CHANNEL	13.5	13.5	13.7	9-10	150	0.9	15
	PRESS BARN BAR CHANNEL	13.4	13.8	14.6	9-10	150	0.1	15
	NAUBUC BAR CHANNEL	13.8	8.3	6.4	9-10	150	0.5	15
	CVS HOLLOW BAR CHANNEL	15.0	14.7	13.4	9-10	150	0.5	15
	WETHERSFIELD SHOAL CHANNEL	11.6	11.7	13.0	9-10	150	0.4	15
	CLAY BANKS BAR CHANNEL	9.9	10.5	11.3	9-10	150	1.6	15
	HARTFORD BAR CHANNEL	10.1	8.4	8.6	9-10	150	0.4	15

NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

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Note: Chart grid lines are aligned with true north.

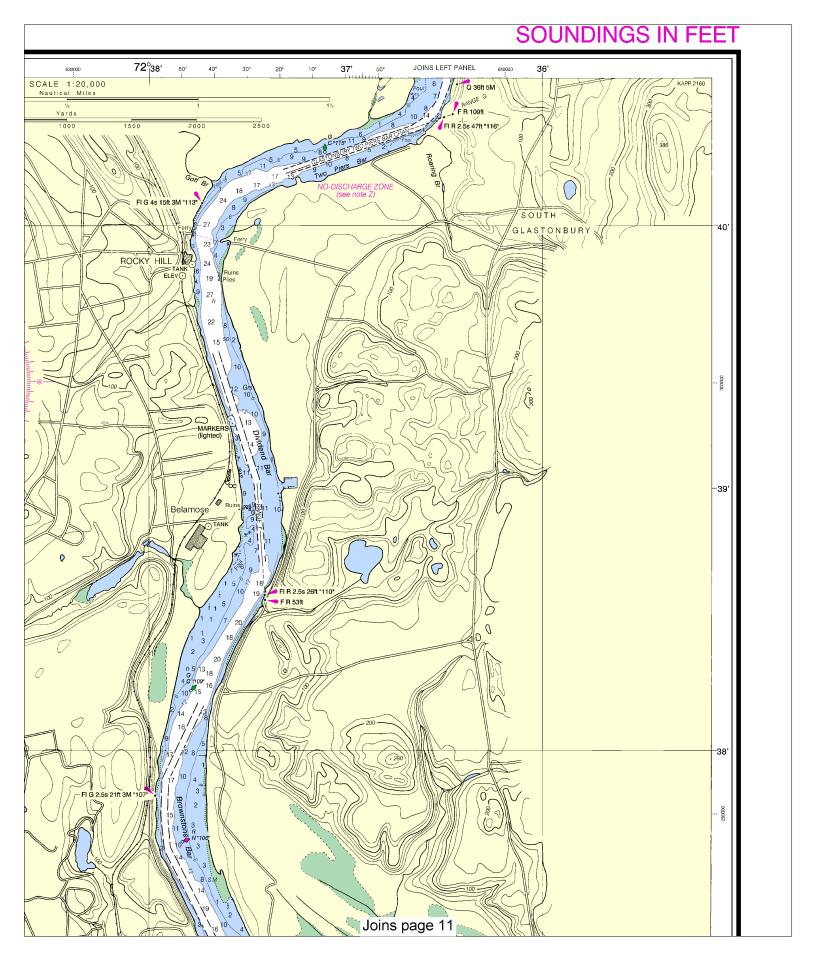


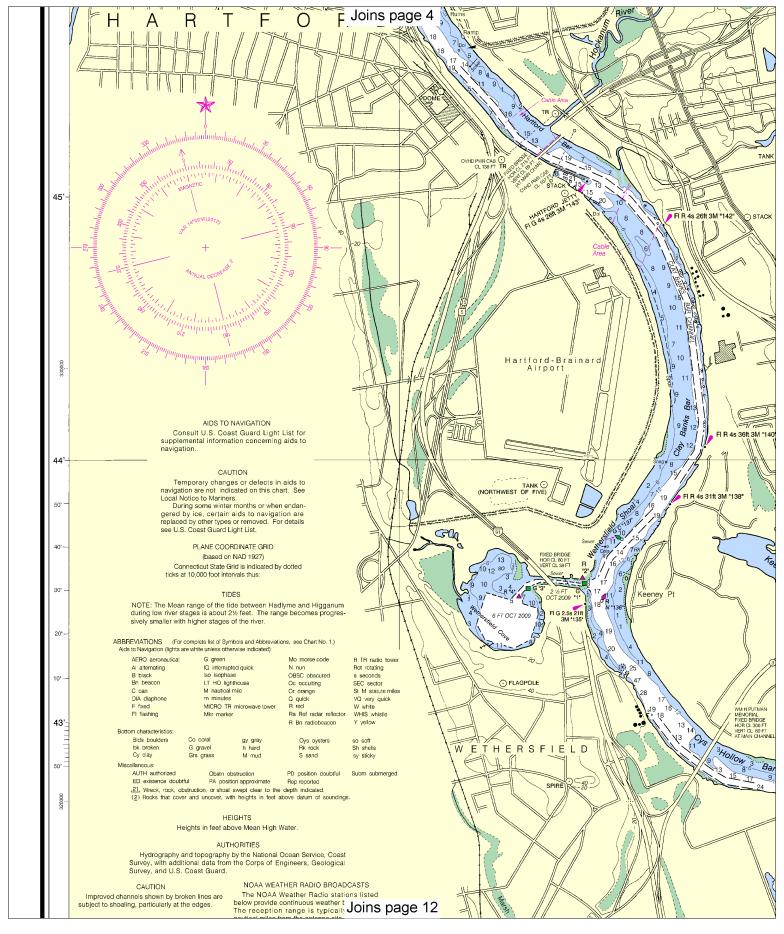




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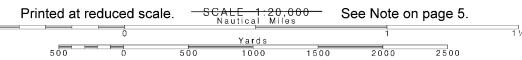


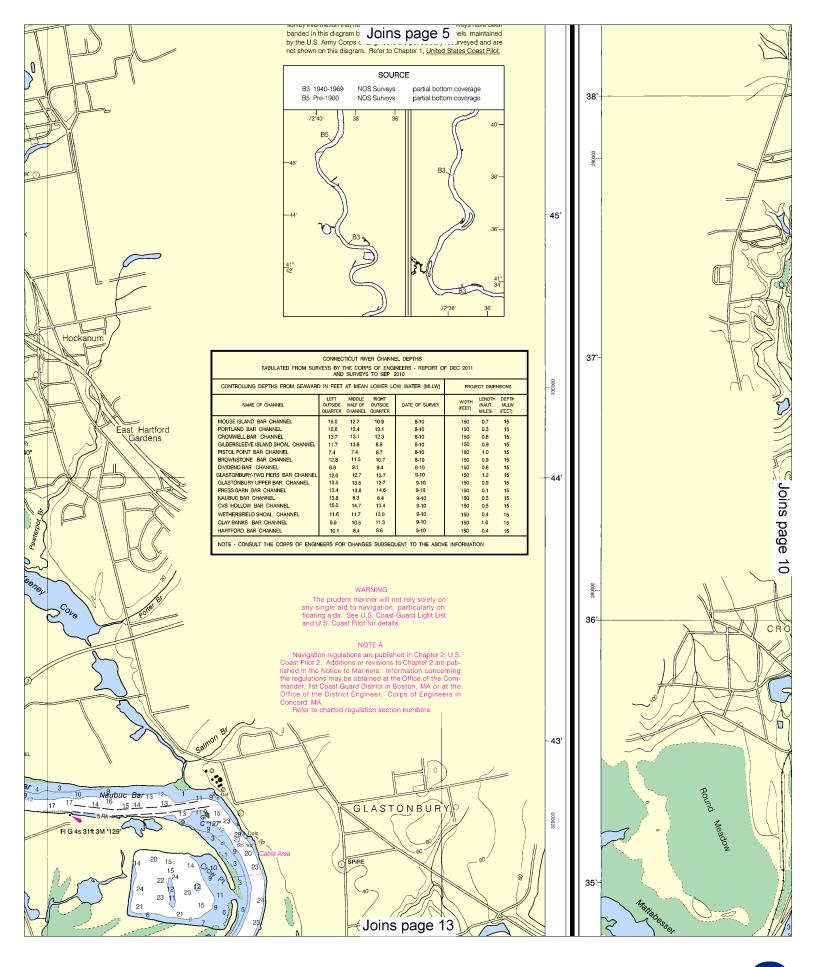


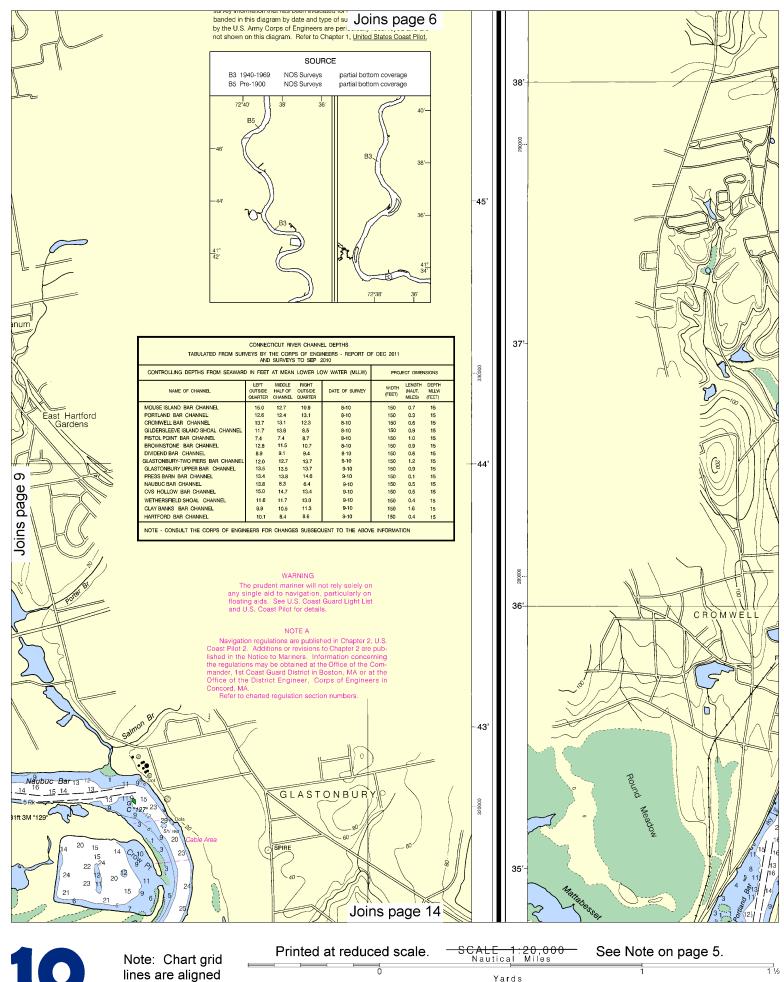




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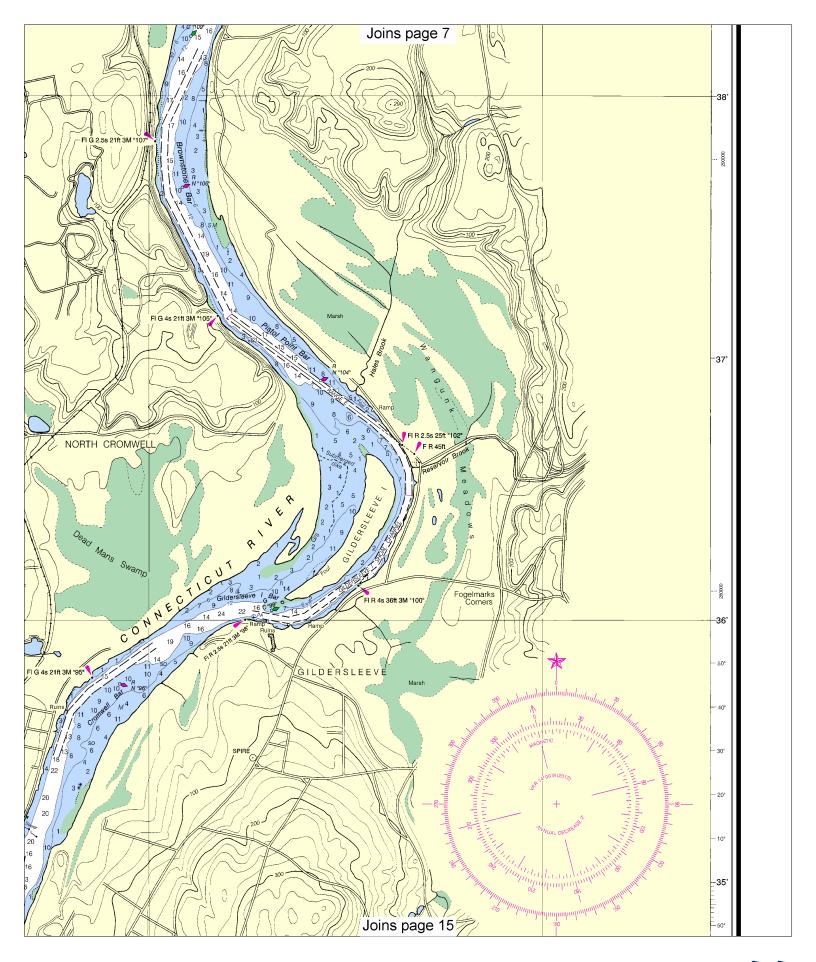


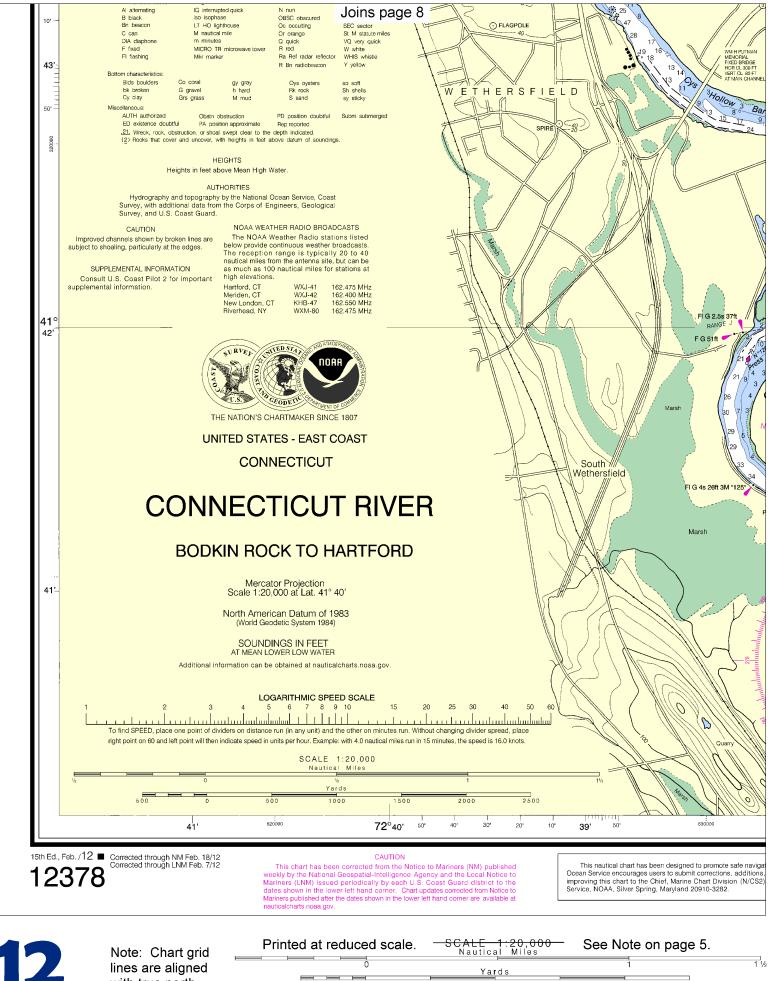




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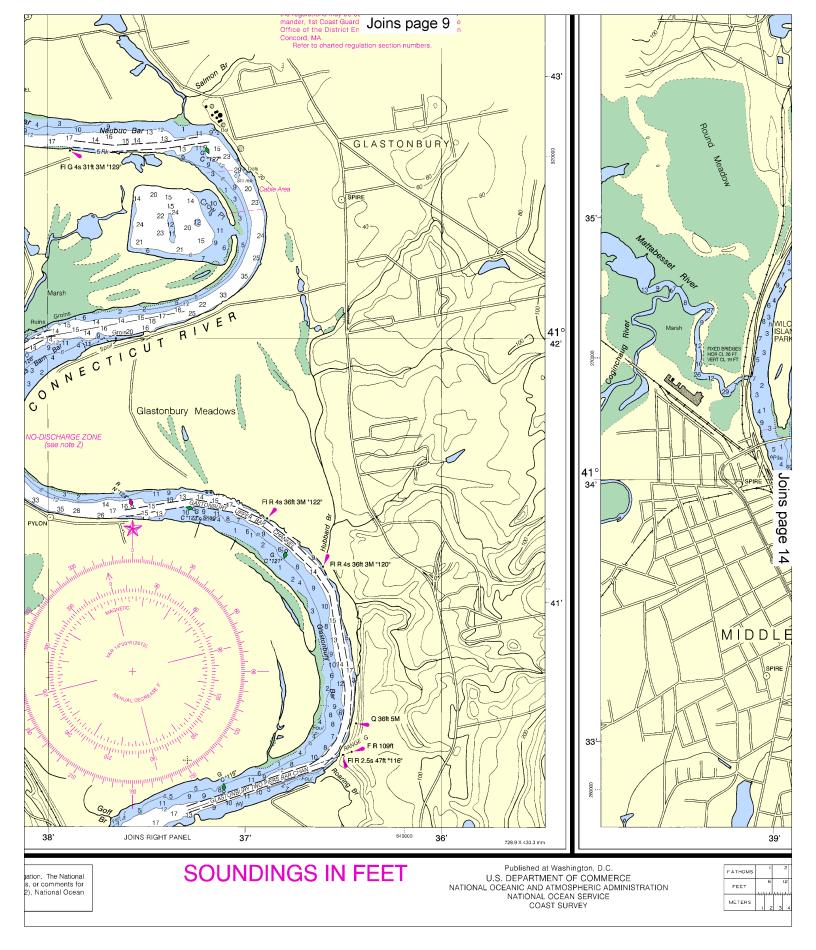


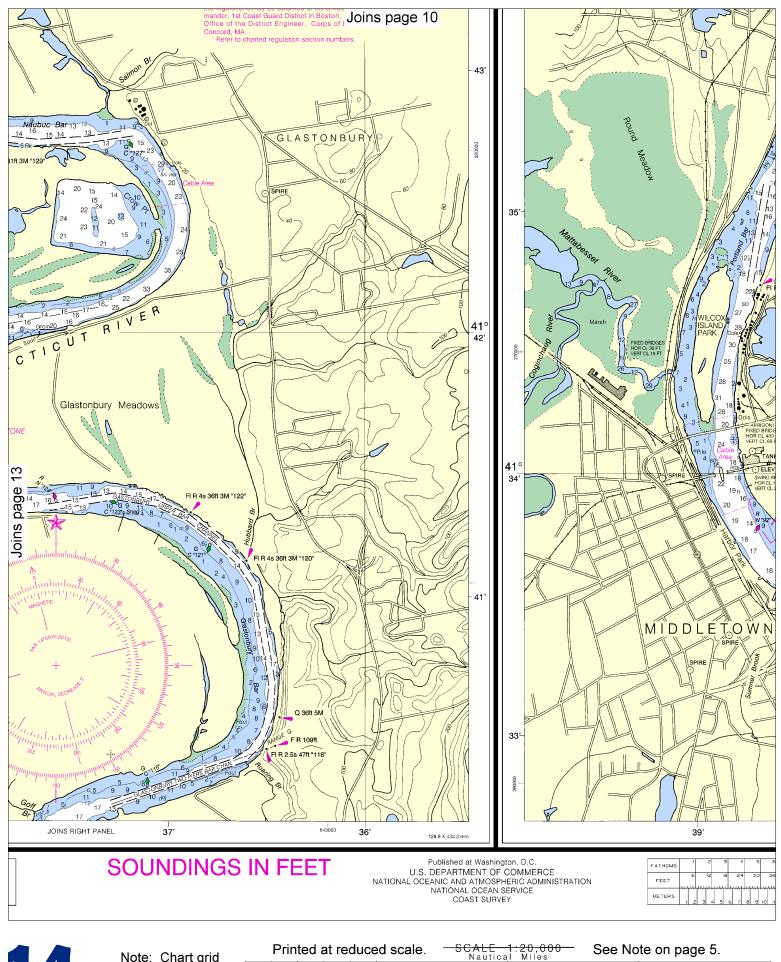




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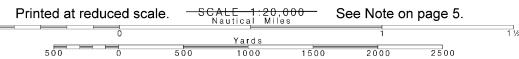


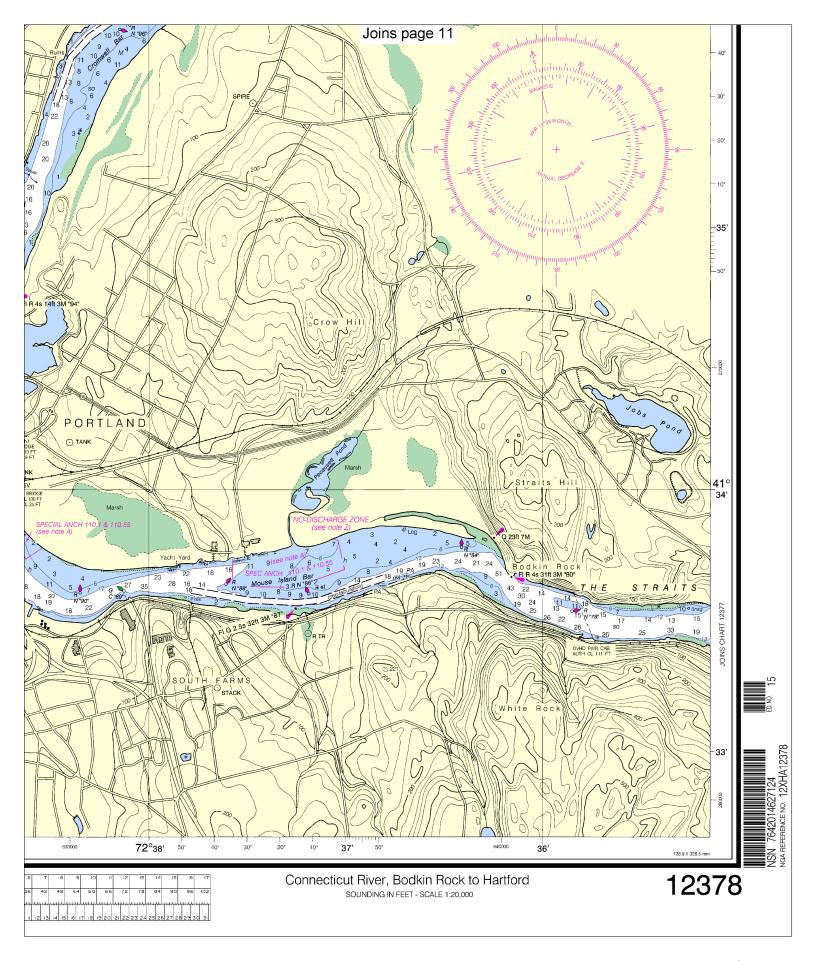




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### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/

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